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SUBJ: JUSTICE PARTY CALLS FOR CONSERVATIVE COALITION

1. JUSTICE PARTY (JP) CHAIRMAN DEMIREL MADE PUBLIC APPEAL
DECEMBER 3 FOR FORMATION OF COALITION TO INCLUDE ALL PARTIES
EXCEPT REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP). HE ARGUED THAT SUCH
COALITION WOULD MAKE EARLY ELECTIONS NEEDLESS, WHILE WITHOUT
IT ELECTIONS WOULD BE "A NECESSITY".

2. NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) CHAIRMAN ERBAKAN
IMMEDIATELY GAVE GENERALLY FAVORABLE RESPONSE CALLING FOR
DISCUSSIONS AMONG PARTIES; HOWEVER, DEMOCRATIC
PARTY (DP) CHAIRMAN BOZBEYLI SO FAR HAS BEEN NON-COMMITTAL.

3. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO PARLIAMENTARY SOURCES, MANY
MEMBERS OF JP, NSP, AND DP STRONGLY FAVOR FRESH ATTEMPT AT
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FORMING COALITION AMONG THEIR PARTIES, BELIEVING DEMIREL

SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN DUTY OF FORMING GOVERNMENT INSTEAD OF IRMAK LAST MONTH. HOWEVER, DP HAS BEEN SHARPLY DIVIDED OVER PROPOSAL THAT IT SUBMERGE OLD DIFFERENCES WITH DEMIREL AND ENTER COALITION UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP (OR AT LEAST GIVE HIM VOTE OF CONFIDENCE). REPORTEDLY THESE DIFFERENCES HAVE YET TO BE OVERCOME.

4. MEANWHILE PRESIDENT KORUTURK IS CURRENTLY HOLDING SERIES OF INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS WITH PARLIAMENTARY GROUP LEADERS. HE IS APPARENTLY ALLOWING TIME FOR JP INITIATIVE TO PRODUCE SOME RESULT BEFORE UNDERTAKING ANOTHER MAJOR EFFORT OF HIS OWN.
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